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SUBJECT: GALLAGHER-DYKES KIDNAPPING

1. EMBASSY LOCAL WHO HAS PROVIDED REASONABLE GOOD INFO ON PALESTINIAN ACTIVITIES IN PAST TOLD RSO EVENING OCT 24 THAT GALLAGHER-DYKES WERE NOT BEING HELD BY PALESTINIAN GROUP BUT RATHER BY A SHIITE GANG LOYAL TO IMAM MUST SADR. HE DESCRIBED GANG AS FROM "MUTAAWILA TRIBE." HE STATED FURTHER THAT THEY WERE BEING HELD AS HOSTAGES TO BE EXCHANGED FOR "MUTAAWILAS" AND WERE IN NO DANGER OF BEING KILLED.

2. FOREGOING MAY BE COMPLETE RED HERRING BUT IS BEING TRANSMITTED ON GROUNDS NO LEAD SHOULD BE OVERLOOKED. MURPHY

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